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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 10, 2002, applicant elects Group I, claims 1 and 8-16 drawn to industrial conversion of carbohydrates, alcohols, aldehydes or polyhydroxy compounds in aqueous phase using metal catalysts formed from polymer stabilized nanoparticles.

The Restriction Requirement is not traversed.

ALCOHOLS, ALDEHYDES OR POLYHYDROXY COMPOUNDS

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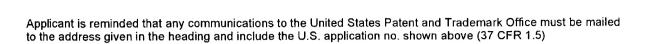
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